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TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/EX KRYZA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PLANS FOR 1977 CONSULAR CONFERENCE

1. AGAIN THIS YEAR, DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TWO CONSULAR CONFERENCES, ONE FOR AF/W AND AF/C POSTS, AND ONE FOR AF/S AND AF/E POSTS. TENTATIVE DATES ARE SEPT 26 THRU 30 FOR AF/W AND AF/C SESSION, AND OCT 3 THRU 7 FOR AF/S AND AF/E SESSION. YOUR POSTS ARE OUR FIRST CHOICES FOR HOST POSTS FOR SEVERAL REASONS: AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION, ADEQUATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, AND RELATIVE ATTRACTIVENESS OF HOST CITIES.

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2. EACH SESSION WOULD HAVE 30 TO 35 PARTICIPANTS, MADE UP OF PARTY OF ABOUT 10 FROM WASHINGTON AND A CONSULAR OFFICER FROM EACH POST. HOST MISSION WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE MEETING AREA FOR UP TO 35 PEOPLE, AND TWO SMALLER WORKSHOP ROOMS. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ALL PARTICIPANTS IN SAME HOTEL.

3. WASHINGTON DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY SCA ADMINISTRATOR WATSON AND WOULD ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM SCS, VO, PPT, INS, AF/EX AND POSSIBLY CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLIES TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ASAP:

A. ARE YOU WILLING TO HOST THE CONFERENCE AT THE ABOVE SPECIFIED TIMES?

B. IF THE TIMING IS INCONVENIENT PLEASE SELECT AN ALTERNATIVE TIME.

C. IS THE POLITICAL CLIMATE A NEGATIVE FACTOR? WHAT ARE HOST GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC REACTIONS LIKELY TO BE?

D. ARE THERE ANY SECURITY PROBLEMS THAT WOULD RENDER YOUR POSTS UNSUITABLE OR REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION?

E. CAN YOU PROVIDE REQUIRED FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES?

F. CAN SUITABLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS BE MADE DURING THE TIME PERIOD INDICATED?

G. WHAT IS APPROXIMATE DAILY RATE FOR SINGLE WITH BATH? LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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H. PLEASE CAPTION REPLIES FOR AF/EX AND SCA ONLY.

5. FOR DAKAR: FYI, ABIDJAN WAS RATED SECOND CHOICE BECAUSE THEY HAVE JUST HOSTED THE COM CONFERENCE. ALSO, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE COHEN HAS SEEN AND APPROVED THIS CABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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